

2008 Scholarship Recipients



A Love of Aviation Scholarship - An anonymous donor established this scholarship of \$250 in 1997. This year's recipient is Cheri Stahlecker of Hamilton, MT. Cheri got her license in 2003 and just finished her instrument rating this year. She is currently working on her commercial rating. She absolutely loves to fly and has ninety hours before she is eligible for her commercial.



AOM Flight Training Scholarship – AOM has established this \$500 scholarship to financially assist a student pilot in obtaining their private pilot certificate. This year's recipient is Jase Oriet a senior from Manhattan, MT. He has maintained a 3.0 or better grade point average for all four years of high school. Jase's goals include a college degree in aviation and plans to pursue a career as a pilot for Fish & Game or a major airline.



Blue Goose First Generation Flight Scholarship – This \$250 scholarship administered by Joe and Kathy Kurberka is awarded to a first generation pilot to assist with flight training. This scholarship is designed to assist a person who has a love of aviation, yet had limited exposure to aviation, someone from a non-aviation background/family. This year's recipient is Jessica Smith who is currently a senior at Rocky Mountain College in Billings. She obtained her private, instrument, commercial, multi-engine in less than one calendar year. She is also a CFI and CFII, she most recently acquired her Multi-Engine Instructor's certificate.



Harold Hamm Scholarship – Harold and Zola Hamm were the anonymous donors that established the first \$250 A Love of Aviation (ALOA) Scholarship in 1993. With the passing of Harold on September 1, 2006, Zola decided to rename the scholarship the "Harold Hamm Scholarship" in honor of her husband of 19 years. Harold had an extremely strong passion for aviation. Together he and Zola completed two airplane projects: the restoration of a J-3 Piper Cub, and an experimental RV-6 aircraft. This year Zola has graciously increased the amount of the Harold Hamm Scholarship to \$500. This year's recipient is Michael Allen Glunt, Jr. a student at Rocky Mountain College in Billings. Michael received his private pilots rating last May and began his instrument training this past September.



Montana Antique Aircraft Association (MAAA) Scholarship – MAAA offers this \$500 scholarship to help defray the costs of flight instruction. This year's recipient is Erin M. Schmidt. Erin graduated cum laude with a degree in Air Traffic Control at the aviation Technology Center in Anchorage, Alaska. In January 2007 she was offered a position as an Air Traffic Controller at the tower in Helena, MT. She would like to earn her pilot's ratings as she feels a good pilot is a controller's best friend.



Montana Pilots Association Flight Training Award - This scholarship is open to a person who has a considerable interest in aviation. The \$750 scholarship is to be used for flight training. This year's recipient is Jake Hemphill. Jake is a junior at Rocky Mountain College in Billings. He has achieved his private and instrument flight ratings and holds a 3.9 GPA. He is working to complete his Commercial flight training. Upon graduation he plans to have completed his commercial pilot license, as well as acquiring a multi-engine rating. He hopes to reach his goal of becoming a flight instructor. His career goals include eventually becoming an airline captain.

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Montana Pilots Association Junior Pilot Award – This recipient is chosen for outstanding interest in aviation, citizenship within their community and demonstrated academic achievement. The recipient must have soloed and be actively involved in flight training. This is a \$750 scholarship. This year's recipient is Blake Lerner a junior at Bozeman High School in Bozeman, MT. He began taking flying lessons on his 14th birthday and was able to solo on his 16th birthday, July 26, 2007. His hopes are to obtain his private pilots certificate on his 17th birthday. He plans on going to college and majoring in electrical engineering. Afterwards his goal is to fly jets in the Navy



Morrison Aviation Appreciation Scholarship – Jeff Morrison, retired former owner of Morrison Flying Service in Helena has established the \$500 scholarship as a token of appreciation to the aviation community. This year's recipient is Bradley J. Brenteson a senior at Conrad High School in Conrad, MT. Bradley is enrolled in flight training with Campbell Aviation in Dutton, MT. He currently has 8 hours of dual flight time in a 1942 Taylor craft L2M. Once he receives his private pilot's license he intends to pursue his instrument rating, and build time towards his commercial rating. At this point it is his goal to combine his flying background with his interest in wildlife, and become an Alaskan bush pilot. He plans on furthering his education at Montana State University in Bozeman to study Wildlife Biology and continue his flight training.



Parrott Family Scholarship – The Parrott Family offers this \$1,000 scholarship to be used over a one-year period for pilot training programs for students enrolled in the Rocky Mountain College (RMC) aviation program. The funds may be used for tuition in the RMC aviation program, and/or flight training expenses leading to a Private, Commercial, or Flight Instructor Certificate, and may include Instrument and Multiengine simulator training, and the purchase of aviation related materials and related supplies. This year's recipient is Kelli French a senior at Malta High School in Malta, MT. She will be attending Rocky Mountain College in the fall of 2008 and majoring in aviation to become a Missionary Pilot. She started flying in the summer of 2007 with a former RMC graduate, Andy Robinson. She is currently is receiving instruction from her father, Clyde Robinson. Kelli's current GPA is 3.725 and her ACT score was a 25.